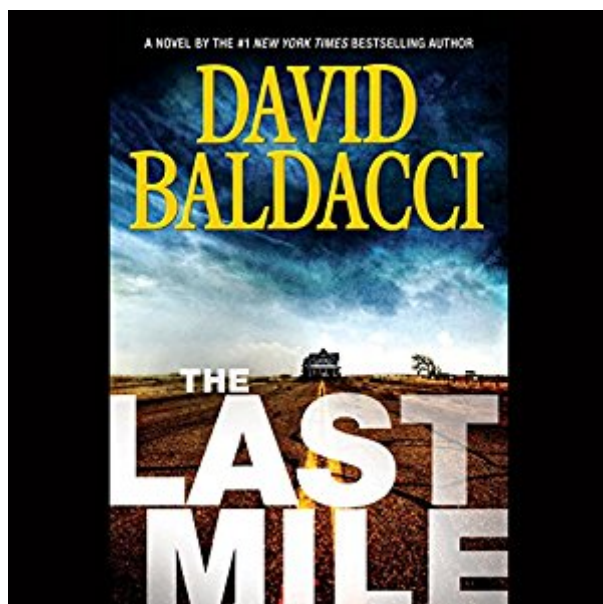


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# The Last Mile



## Synopsis

In his number-one New York Times best-seller *Memory Man*, David Baldacci introduced the extraordinary detective Amos Decker—the man who can forget nothing. Now, Decker returns in a spectacular new thriller... *THE LAST MILE* Convicted murderer Melvin Mars is counting down the last hours before his execution—for the violent killing of his parents twenty years earlier—when he's granted an unexpected reprieve. Another man has confessed to the crime. Amos Decker, newly hired on an FBI special task force, takes an interest in Mars's case after discovering the striking similarities to his own life: Both men were talented football players with promising careers cut short by tragedy. Both men's families were brutally murdered. And in both cases, another suspect came forward, years after the killing, to confess to the crime. A suspect who may or may not have been telling the truth. The confession has the potential to make Melvin Mars—guilty or not—a free man. Who wants Mars out of prison? And why now? But when a member of Decker's team disappears, it becomes clear that something much larger—and more sinister—than just one convicted criminal's life hangs in the balance. Decker will need all of his extraordinary brainpower to stop an innocent man from being executed.

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In his novel, "Memory Man" David Baldacci created one of the most original detectives in fiction. Due to an accident Amos Decker's mind cannot forget anything. He can take part in a situation, or read something and can call up the incident anytime with a total remembrance of every detail

involved. In "The Last Mile" Decker joins an FBI special task force with the mission of looking into older cases, bringing up the facts and finding additional evidence in order to solve the case. Decker on joining the task force arrives with an interest in looking at a situation involving Melvin Mars, a convict on death row with his execution pending shortly. Amos is struck by the similarity between Mars' case and his own personal experience. Both have had their families murdered and both have had someone come forward years after the crimes and confess to the killings. Another commonality is that both Mars and Decker were talented football players in their youth with both having their careers cut short by the tragedies befalling them. In the case of Melvin Mars he was charged with and convicted of the murders of his parents and sentenced to death. Decker and his group pick up the case at the time that another individual in another prison's death row comes forward and confesses to the killings of Mars' family. The confession has the potential to get Melvin out of prison and returning him to society. The twists and turns in looking at the case provide a rollercoaster ride for the reader making this one of the better who done its in a long time. Cementing Decker's belief that there is a lot more than first appears is the disappearance and probable kidnapping of one of the members of his team. Mr Baldacci's portrait of Amos Decker is striking in itself.

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